

House Bill 1008 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th and Smith of the 113th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the Oglethorpe County Water Authority, approved March 3, 1989
2 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 3605), so as to change the composition of the members of the authority; to
3 provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 An Act creating the Oglethorpe County Water Authority, approved March 3, 1989 (Ga. L.
7 1989, p. 3605), is amended by revising subsection (b) of Section 2 as follows:

8 "(b) The authority shall consist of seven members. The board of commissioners of
9 Oglethorpe County shall appoint three members of the authority, each of whom shall reside
10 in Oglethorpe County. The city councils of the City of Crawford, the City of Lexington, the
11 City of Maxeys, and the City of Arnoldsville shall each appoint one member, each of whom
12 shall reside in Oglethorpe County. The board of commissioners of Oglethorpe County shall
13 appoint one of the initial members for an initial term of three years, one of the initial
14 members for an initial term of two years, and one initial member for an initial term of one
15 year; the Cities of Crawford and Lexington shall each appoint one member for an initial term
16 of two years, and the Cities of Maxeys and Arnoldsville shall each appoint one member for
17 an initial term of three years; with subsequent appointments for terms of office of three years.
18 After having served nine consecutive years, authority members shall not be reappointed
19 without at least one year of inactive status. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term
20 by the city or county of the vacancy existing. Any authority member who is convicted of a
21 felony shall be removed from the authority upon the date of conviction, regardless of appeal
22 processes. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and a majority may act for
23 the authority in any matter. No vacancy shall impair the power of the authority to act. The
24 authority shall elect one of its members as chairman and another member as vice chairman.
25 It shall also elect a secretary-treasurer who does not necessarily have to be a member of the
26 authority and who, if not a member, shall have no voting rights. The members of the

1 authority shall serve without compensation; however, it is expressly understood that they
2 shall be reimbursed for all actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The
3 authority may make rules and regulations and adopt bylaws for its own government. It shall
4 have perpetual existence."

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
7 without such approval.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.